MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Rs. 2,780.

Grants to Reading Rooms and Libraries.

44. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state the principle on which grants to reading rooms and libraries are regulated?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The principles under which grants to reading rooms and libraries are sanctioned are embodied in G. O. No. E. 1304, dated the 25th April, 1917, and the rules issued thereunder. Copies* of the same are laid on the table.

Issue of Demand Notices.

45. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received "definite proposals" from the Land Revenue Commissioner on the subject of demand notices and the levy of notice fees, and, if so, will they be pleased to lay them on the table?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The proposals of the Land Revenue Commissioner have been received and the Government have issued orders thereon in G. O. Dis. No. 1084 of 1926/Revenue, dated the 21st July 1926, published at pages 1141-1142 of the Land Revenue Departmental sheet of the *Gazette* dated the 27th July 1926.

Issue of Demand Notices and Inspection of Pakuthi Cutcherries by the Land Revenue Commissioner.

46. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*):

(*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state which were the four *Pakuthi* Cutcherries inspected by the Land Revenue Commissioner in the year 1100?

(*b*) In view of the discussions that had taken place in the Legislative Council on the question of demand notices, will the Government be pleased to state whether the Land Revenue Commissioner found out how many of the demand notices served by these *pakuthi* staffs had been served direct on the parties concerned and how many otherwise?

(*c*) Do his notes of inspection of these *Pakuthi* Cutcherries contain any reference to the issue of demand notices and the manner of their service?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Land Revenue Commissioner inspected the *Pakuthi* Cutcherries of Bharanikavu, Angamali, K. D. H. P. Concession, and Pallivasal and Anakulam West during 1100.

(*b*) and (*c*) The answer is in the negative.

Demand Notices issued in 1100 by the Trivandrum Tahsildar.

47. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*):

(*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of demand notices issued by the Trivandrum Tahsildar in 1100?

* *Vide* Appendices I A and I B—pages 80-83.

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Report of Special Officer, Mr. K. Jacob, against Mr. M. N. P. Kurup.

55. **MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the report submitted by Mr. K. Jacob, Special Officer, regarding the charges against Mr. M. N. P. Kurup, Assistant Engineer, and the Government order thereon?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The answer is in the negative. The Government are examining the report.

MR. C. P. TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*) : ഈ റിപ്പോർട്ട് എന്നാണ് ഗവർണ്മെൻറിലേക്കു കിട്ടിയത് ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : തീയതി നല്ല ഓർമ്മയില്ല. ഒരുവർഷത്തിനു മേലായി എന്നാണ് തോന്നുന്നത്.

Appointments and Promotions in the Anchal Department during the last two Years.

56. **MR. C. P. TARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by castes, of appointments and of promotions made in the Anchal Department during the last two years (1099-1100) ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The statements * required by the member are laid on the table.

MR. C. P. TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): സാധാരണ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർ അതാതു് ആണ്ടിൽചെയ്യുന്ന നിയമനങ്ങളെ ഗവർണ്മെൻറു നിശ്ചയിക്കുന്ന പതിവുള്ളതനുസരിച്ച് ഈ നിയമനങ്ങളെ സംബന്ധിച്ചും നിശ്ചയം ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): ചെയ്തിരിക്കണം.

MR. C. P. TARAKAN (*Kunnatnad*): അതിൽ ഈ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറു അദ്ധ്യക്ഷൻ സമഭാവനയോടുകൂടി പ്രവർത്തിച്ചു എന്നുള്ള അഭിപ്രായമാണോ ഗവർണ്മെൻറിനുണ്ടായിട്ടുള്ളതു്?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): അതു് ഇപ്പോൾ പറയാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല. ഫയിൽ നോക്കിയാലെ നിശ്ചയമായി പറയാൻ സാധിക്കയുള്ളൂ.

Appendix I A.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 44.**

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maha Raja of Travancore.

Read :—

(1) Memorial dated the 1st Medam 1091, from the Manager, Oachira Raja Raja Varma Reading Room and Library;

(2) Letter No. E. 1159, dated the 21st April 1916, to the Ag. Director of Public Instruction;

* *Vide* Appendices II A and II B—pages 84 and 85.

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(3) Letter No. 539, dated the 16th May 1916, from the Ag. Director of Public Instruction ;

(4) Letter No. E. 1554/141 of '16, dated the 27th May 1916, to the Ag. Director of Public Instruction ;

(5) Inspection notes of the Dewan dated the 15th June 1916, on the Oachira Raja Raja Varma Reading Room and Library ;

(6) Letter No. E. 1965, dated the 3rd July 1916, to the Ag. Director of Public Instruction ;

(7) Letter No. 1019, dated the 12th September 1916, from the Ag. Director of Public Instruction ;

(8) Letter No. E. 2871/141 of '16, dated the 19th September 1916, to the Ag. Director of Public Instruction ;

(9) Letter No. 1107, dated the 13th October 1916, from the Ag. Director of Public Instruction ;

(10) Letter No. E. 3161/141 of '16, dated the 27th October 1916, to the Ag. Director of Public Instruction ;

(11) Letter No. 1233, dated the 18th November 1916, from the Ag. Director of Public Instruction ;

(12) Letter No. E. 3423/141 of '16, dated the 24th November 1916, to the Ag. Director of Public Instruction ; and

(13) Letter No. 1320/2367 of '90, dated the 4th December 1916, from the Ag. Director of Public Instruction.

The promoters of the Oachira Raja Raja Varma Reading Room and Library having petitioned the Government for a grant-in-aid, the Director of Public Instruction was consulted on the subject. Mr. Hodgson was of opinion that, unless it was intended to extend the same aid to other similar institutions throughout the State, the expenditure on account of grant to a library benefiting only a particular locality cannot legitimately be charged to the public funds. The Director was thereupon asked to collect statistical information regarding the existing libraries and reading rooms, state his views as to the feasibility and usefulness of a system of aided libraries and the general principles on which grants are to be awarded to them, and report how they were to be brought under departmental control, what conditions were to be imposed for recognition and aid, and what safeguards should be taken to see that grants are earned only by really useful institutions. Mr. Hodgson, in forwarding detailed information regarding fifty-four libraries and reading rooms, has reported that it is feasible and desirable to create a system of aided libraries, that the amount of annual subscription collected should be made the basis for the award of grants, that only libraries possessing a certain minimum number of approved books and a certain minimum annual income need be aided, and that the institutions may be placed, for purposes of inspection and control, under the Assistant Inspectors of Elementary Schools for Boys.

ORDER THEREON. No. E. 1304, DATED TRIVANDRUM, 25TH APRIL 1917.

His Highness' Government have considered the proposals made by Mr. Hodgson, and are pleased to approve of them generally. As a beginning, a sum of Rs. (1,000) one thousand will be provided in the

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Education Budget for 1093 M. E., for awarding grants to the deserving reading rooms and libraries. The Director of Public Instruction will forward, at an early date, for the approval of Government, a set of draft rules embodying the conditions for recognition and aid.

(By order),

M. RAJA RAJA VARMA,

Ag. Chief Secretary to Government.

To

1. The Director of Public Instruction.
2. The Account Officer.
3. The Gazette.
4. The Press Room

Appendix I B.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 44.**

Rules relating to grants for Libraries and Reading Rooms.

I. Under these rules, "Library" means a collection of books that may be issued to persons for perusal. "Reading Rooms" in addition to all that is included by "Library" implies the existence of a room on the premises of which persons may read. Libraries and Reading Rooms may or may not be supplied with periodicals and newspapers.

II. Libraries and Reading Rooms in the State shall be eligible for grant-in-aid from Government, provided they satisfy the following conditions:—

(*a*) They shall be under the management of a committee and office bearers approved by the Director of Public Instruction.

(*b*) They shall be freely opened to the public for purposes of consultation.

(*c*) They shall be entirely undenominational.

(*d*) The Library or Reading Room Rules shall have been approved by the Director of Public Instruction.

(*e*) Each Library or Reading Room shall contain a minimum of two hundred approved books.

(*f*) The minimum guaranteed annual income from subscriptions should not be less than Rs. 40.

III. Complete accounts, registers and records should be maintained in the Library and Reading Room, and these shall be open to inspection by the Assistant Inspector of Elementary Schools in whose jurisdiction the Library or Reading Room is situated.

IV. Books and periodicals vetoed by the Director of Public Instruction shall not find a place in any Library or Reading Room aided by Government.

V. Applications for grants in the form prescribed shall be made not later than first Kanni each year to the Assistant Inspector of Elementary Schools, having jurisdiction over the Library or Reading Room, a copy of the application being simultaneously sent to the Director of Public Instruction. The Assistant Inspector shall forward the

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application to the Director through the Inspector and the Deputy Director.

VI. Each application for grant shall be accompanied by
(1) a copy of the Library or Reading Room Rules; and
(2) a complete list of books in the Library or Reading Room and of periodicals subscribed for.

VII. The maximum amount that may be sanctioned as grant for an institution shall not in any one year exceed Rs. 150, one hundred and fifty.

VIII. The authority competent to sanction grant under these rules is the Director of Public Instruction.

IX. The annual grant shall be paid in four instalments ordinarily in Tulam, Makaram, Medam and Karkatakam on bills countersigned by Assistant Inspectors.

X. Grants are liable to be withdrawn by the Director for infringement of any of the rules set forth above.

Application for grant.

1. Name of institution.
   Taluk.
   Proverthy.
   Kara.
2. Date of establishment.
3. Constitution of management.
4. No. of books in the Library in
   (1) English
   (2) Malayalam
   (3) Tamil
   (4) Other languages (to be specified).
5. Periodicals, Newspapers, etc., subscribed for.

Name of periodical.	*cost.*

6. Whether the institution is free to the public for consultation.

7. Accounts of the Malabar year previous to date of application.

Income.	Rs.	Ch.	C.	*Expenditure.*	Rs.	Ch.	C.
(1) Subscriptions				(1) Establishment			
(2) Donations				(*a*)			
(3) Interest on fund or property belonging to the institution.				(*b*)			
				(*c*)			
				(*d*)			
				etc.			
(4) Other items.				(2) Books.			
				(3) Periodicals.			
				(4) Contingencies.			
				(5) Other items.			

Station
Date

Signature of Responsible Manager.

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